

city college news

“Auspicious time” for George Brown says Stephen Lewis

Change is on the political horizon making way for George Brown College to play a bigger role in the future of the city.

With governments in transition at every level, Stephen Lewis, the United Nations special envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa urged George Brown College to seize this rare opportunity to take action, to make differences and to show all that it has to offer the city, the province, the country and even the world.

“It is an auspicious time for this college,” said the former Canadian Ambassador to a crowd of more than 500 George Brown College administrators, faculty, staff and retirees.

Lewis, a politician, diplomat and humanitarian, visited George Brown to speak about *Why our college is important to Toronto* and got Staff Celebration Day off to an intellectually-stimulating start with a moving, humorous, eye-opening talk.

A new Premier was to be sworn in that same day, a new mayor and council will soon be running the mega-city and a new federal leader will take the reins in a matter of weeks, Lewis pointed out often with playful humour and sharp wit.

With all of these opportunities, it is the right time for the College to make connections and forge relationships that are imperative to the evolution of the school, Lewis said.

“Let them know you are at the heart of the largest metrop-



Stephen Lewis gestures to the crowd during his inspiring lecture on *Why our college is important to Toronto* on Staff Celebration Day

olis in the province,” he said. “Energetic advocacy makes real sense.”

George Brown College offers many programs and centres that will play increasingly vital roles in the future of building technologies and

architecture, healthcare and community services, hospitality and tourism and early childhood development – an extremely important area that Lewis feels has been neglected in many countries of the world, including Canada.

With all these educational and experiential gems, the College has much to offer the city it is so deeply rooted in; all it has to do is approach those who make the decisions that matter.

“You’re not coming with a begging bowl,” he said, noting how impressed he was with the range of practical programs the College offers and the diversity of the student body.

But what the College is able to give to society can go well beyond the city limits, provincial boundaries and national borders. Lewis, passionate and determined to end the pandemic in Africa and other countries, proposed another “potential dimension for George Brown.”

“The privileges of Canada require some investment in another world,” he said, speaking of the tragedy, despair and horrific reality of HIV/AIDS not only in Africa but India, China and Europe.

Where his speech turned from playful political humour to hard-hitting reality, Lewis captivated his audience with shocking facts and figures of the deadly virus and tragic stories of sick mothers taking care of sick villages, six-year-olds running households of orphans and people of all ages dying with the knowledge that there is a pill that could have saved them.

Out of his own frustration for governments that put more money into fighting terrorism

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Anne Sado, the next George Brown College president, chats with Maureen Hynes (left) and Yvonne Bryan at the Staff Celebration Day Party. Sado, a former Bell Canada executive, joins the College in January. For more photos from the day's exciting events, check out our special report in this issue of City College News.

Prestigious Italian cooking school becomes Chef School partner

After recently signing an exclusive partnership with ALMA - La Scuola Internazionale di Cucina Italiana, a culinary school based in Parma, Italy, the Chef School is set to raise the bar on the education and experience of its Italian Culinary Arts students who study at the College for one year before finishing the program in Italy.

"This brings The Chef School to the international stage," says Christine Chamberlain, Chair of the Chef School. "Other countries such as Japan, France, England and Germany are also signing similar agreements with ALMA."

ALMA focuses solely on the art of Italian cuisine and has set its sights on becoming the world's leading training



Christine Chamberlain, Chair of the Chef School and ALMA President Albino Ivardi Ganapin are all smiles after making the partnership between the two culinary schools official on Oct. 7.

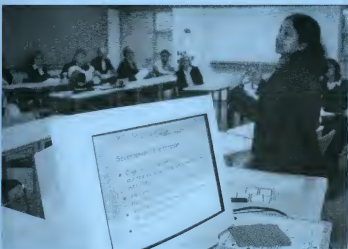
centre in this niche it has carved out for itself.

ALMA President Albino Ivardi Ganapin and Director Riccardo Carelli and members of the Italian Trade Commission were joined by Chamberlain, John Walker, Dean of the Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism and Ivano Zambotti, Instructor of the Italian Culinary Arts Post Diploma Program for a delicious Italian breakfast and signing ceremony on Oct. 7.

Carelli, visiting Toronto for the second time, sees this partnership with George Brown as an excellent opportunity for the young school.

"It's a good way to learn and be in contact with a reputable institution like George Brown College," he said.

Secondment puts teachers at head of the class



Professor Anjana Shah shares her experience at Secondment 03 to colleagues during one of the many workshops held during Staff Celebration Week.

One of the first workshops that got a hectic Staff Celebration Week off the ground brought teachers back in time and put them in the student's seat.

The workshop, Secondment 03 Revisited, gave staff members a chance to hear from their colleagues who took part

in last spring's seven-week professional development program.

"Secondment means that people are released from their regular duties to do something else," said Valerie Scovill, a Language Studies professor. "And they became students

of teaching."

Scovill began the workshop with an overview of the Secondment program and its purpose of allowing teachers to learn more about technology inside and outside the classroom, implementation of active learning for students and development of strategies for knowledge sharing. Participants also came into the program with individual projects related to those learning themes of Secondment.

"We all had the chance to get to know each other and work together," Scovill said referring to the time the participants spent in conferences, workshops and at a Geneva Park retreat.

Though those professors were away from their lectures, grading and other teaching duties, there was no escaping hard work over those seven

intensive weeks.

"I realized how exhausting it is to learn," Scovill said. "And I realized the position our students are often in."

Joining Scovill on the panel to share what they took away from Secondment were George Brown College professors Anjana Shah, Fred Knittel, Jim Nielsen, Rick Losole and Lara Sauer.

"We made great connections," Shah said.

"(Secondment) puts you into a thought process where you think about how you're going to keep (teaching) better and better."

For Secondment 03, professors either volunteered to join or chairs of each centre suggested they take advantage of the learning opportunities as well the time allotted for them to work on their projects, Scovill said.

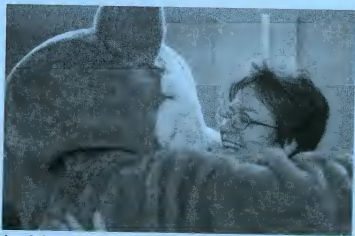
Special Report:

Staff Celebration Day 2003

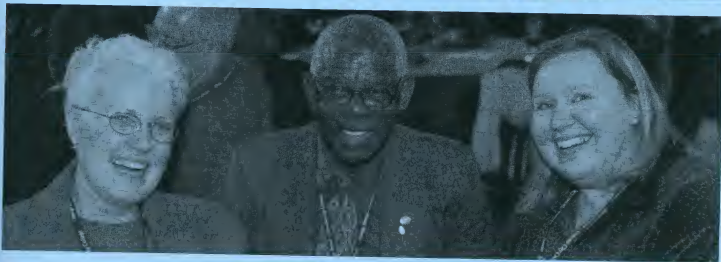
It was a day of intellectual stimulation, social relaxation and culinary celebration all centred around appreciation for you, George Brown College staff and retirees. Here are snapshots of the smiles, laughter and fun that went into the making of a successful and memorable Staff Celebration Day. For more pictures of all the events and activities, go to www.gbrownc.on.ca/staffcelebration.



Frank Soroichinsky and Anne Sado make it a team effort to cut the Staff Celebration Day cake.



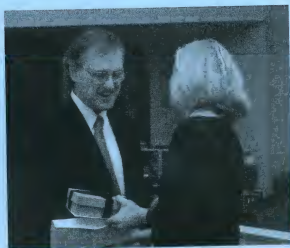
Anne Sado, new College president, gets a welcome hug from the George Brown Husky.



George Brown staff caught having fun on camera!



Printing technology staff reunited. From left to right: John King, Leo Suokas, Barry Bevan, Fred Drummond at the Staff Celebration Day party.



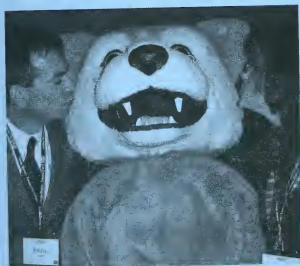
Susan Heximer thanks Stephen Lewis after his keynote lecture on Staff Celebration Day.



Team Deeva celebrates their win in the Scavenger Hunt.



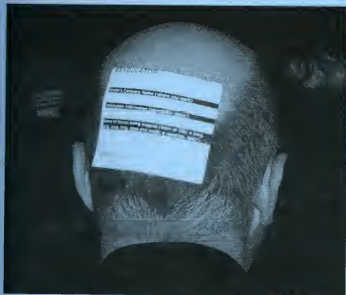
Jo-anne Thomson can't believe this cake made by George Brown Chef School's students and staff!



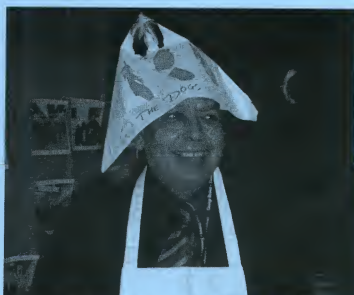
Bashar Arner, from Facilities Management and Olga Lalka, from Communications and Marketing, plant two big wet ones on the George Brown Husky.



Susan Stylianios, Jim Turner, Miriam Baichman, Stephanie Dobbin, Janet Foster, Peter Olteanu are all smiles at the Staff Celebration Day party.



John Henderson becomes part of the Scavenger Hunt with a shipping label stuck to the back of his head.



Shenouda Gad, from the Faculty of Technology, shows off his hat at the Scavenger Hunt.



Liz Henriques, from Hospitality and Tourism, displays a watch, ready to be won in the Scavenger Hunt.



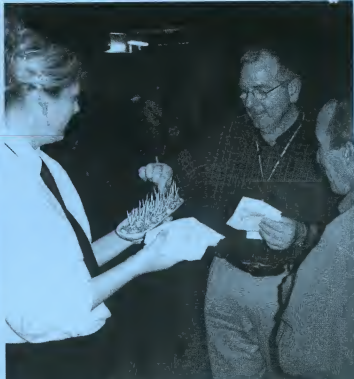
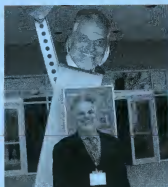
From left to right: Lorie Shektor-Wolfson, Bob Cox, Wayne Poirer and Brenda Pipitone mingle at the party.



Dawn Chandler, from the Centre for Continuous Learning, proudly holds up her Scavenger Hunt prize.



Miriam Baichman (foreground) checks out the famous faces on the George Brown College Wall of Fame.



What was your favourite part of Staff Celebration Day?

"Stephen Lewis' talk and this evening." - Brenda Pipitone, Student Life Cycle

"Having everyone together." - Wayne Poirier, Student Life Cycle

"I liked the speech from Stephen Lewis and the scavenger hunt." - C.J. Grant, Faculty of Community Services and Health Sciences

"It's all been very good. I think I like this (the party) the most. I'm glad there is music I can relate to. I think it's all gone very well." - Ken Crooke, retiree

"This (party) for sure." - Loreto Forte, Faculty of Technology

"I loved Stephen Lewis' speech today." - Carol Fortune, Facilities Management

"Stephen Lewis and the video was very good." - Janet Austin, Facilities Management

"The whole day was a lot of fun. I did the scavenger hunt and it was really fun. I knew two people in my group but it was nice to meet somebody." - Susan Eastwood, Registrar's Office

"For me, everything's good." - Ernesto Cannarile, retiree.

"The Stephen Lewis talk; it was really something." - Kevin Bourns, Student Affairs

Crystal Apple Awards a pat on the back for George Brown professors

Encouraging, patient, captivating, valuing, enthusiastic, committed, demanding, respectful and engaging.

Those are just some of the words that George Brown College students have used to describe the teachers who challenge and motivate them every day. And every year, they take the time to thank their teachers for being all of those wonderful things with more than just a shiny red apple.

This year close to 200 students nominated more than 40 teachers for the annual Crystal Apple Awards, which will be presented in an official celebration set for mid-November.

"The (awards) really demonstrate how students and professors are working together to create the positive learning environment that allows students to succeed," says Margo Sheppard,



Chef Ian Gallacher wins his second Crystal Apple Award for teaching excellence.

Executive Director of the George Brown College Foundation.

The Crystal Apple Awards, now in their third year, were established as a way for students to recognize outstanding professors who enrich their education in more ways than any words can say.

For more information about the Crystal Apple Awards, log onto www.gbrownc.on.ca/foundation/crystalapple.

The George Brown College Foundation Board of Directors congratulates all of the nominees and recipients of the 2003 Crystal Apple Awards:

College-wide Crystal Apple Award goes to:

Ian Gallacher, George Brown Chef School

This is the second time Chef Gallacher has been recognized with a Crystal Apple Award. Past recipients of the top \$5,000 award are Robin Buyers and Judy Ercolino, both professors in the Centre for Community Services & Development.

Three awards of \$2,000 will be presented to:

Barbara Librach, Centre for Health Sciences;

Stephen Mann, Centre for Advanced Building Technologies;

Michael Hlinka, Centre for Financial Services Education

Five awards of \$500 will be presented to:

Colleen Mahy, General Arts & Science Program;

Paul Royes, School of Design;

Akber Remu, Centre for Hospitality & Tourism Management;

Diane Wardrobe, Centre for Health Sciences;

Robert Young, Centre for Advanced Engineering Technologies

Special thanks go out to Mr. Paul C. Carder, founding donor of the Crystal Apple Award and to this year's awards donors including Activation Consulting Services, The Fundraising Network and Mr. Robert Struthers & Associates.

And the survey says start-up was a success

The results are in for the Student Life Cycle start-up survey and George Brown College passed with flying colours.

Surveys completed by students at the Casa Loma and St. James campuses show that close to 90 per cent of them were 'satisfied to very satisfied' with the College environment and how the new school year got underway.

These impressive results are the work of many groups – Registration, Admissions, student ambassadors and the Student Life Cycle project – who spent several months focused on getting the College in tip-top shape and making sure that new and returning students survive the most hectic time of year.

To avoid the confusion that

can ensue during September start-up, students were aided by new and improved signage, designed by faculty members Peter Lawrence and Ian Gregory from the Business and Graphic Design divisions. These trendy, eye-catching signs did not go unnoticed as 90 per cent of students found "the new visual directories were easy to read," helping them to get where they needed to go faster.

But sometimes a sign cannot take the place of a friendly smile from the student ambassadors who made 88 per cent of students feel welcome once they entered the College.

Staff in Admissions, Registration and Financial Aid also got top grades as 96 per cent of students were 'satisfied to very satisfied' with their



Barbara Nelson helps a George Brown student register at Casa Loma campus during September start-up.

knowledge and efficiency. They felt their questions were answered clearly and 89 per cent saw that staff demonstrated an interest in them. Long lines are often unavoidable during the first few days of school but this year, 71 per cent were 'satisfied to very satisfied' with waiting times for services.

The combined efforts of faculty, support staff and

administrators made for a smooth start-up which students recognized and appreciated as these numbers speak for themselves.

For more information about the Student Life Cycle project, contact Jack Schachner at ext. 2878, Brenda Pipitone at ext. 2614, or Wayne Poirier at ext. 2456, or by e-mail at slc@gbrownc.on.ca.

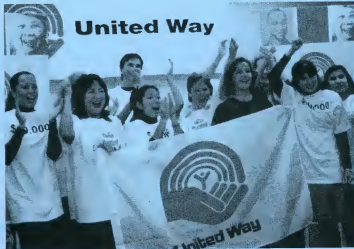
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than saving millions of lives, he started the Stephen Lewis Foundation in May, to which OPSEU has donated money for programs that help the sick and their children in Africa.

"They need help and they need help desperately," he said, urging the College to apply some of its appropriate educational resources to the heart of the problem, like home-care training. He also encouraged teachers to edu-

cate their students on the issues so they can fundraise for the cause and lobby politicians.

Lewis, wrapping up his hour-long speech to a standing ovation and thunderous applause, left with these words for George Brown to go forward with: "Become a college that doesn't just reflect the city, the province and the country but the world."



All cheers for the United Way

George Brown College staff get excited about their United Way campaign and turn it up for a CFTO camera that taped the 45-second spot set to air during the 6 o'clock news on CFTO.



The doctor is back in the house

Dr. Crystal Kuykendall, on her second visit to George Brown College, has the crowd laughing during her Staff Celebration Week workshop on achieving a more team-oriented college. Kuykendall, a dynamic speaker, motivated her audience with insights on leadership, morale, problem solving and the overall effectiveness of the College.

upcoming events

"Toronto Hospitality"

October 29, 2003 (all-day)

The Hospitality Management degree program hosts students from the Niagara College Hospitality Bachelor of Applied Business program for the day as part of the partnership with George Brown College.

Child Care Cooks

October 30, 2003 (5 to 8 p.m.)

The George Brown College Child Care Cooks' Group is hosting a workshop at Ryerson Campus designed for Child Care Cooks who want to upgrade their menu planning skills, learn how to use new foods and spice up tired menus. Cost of the workshop is \$40 which includes a light dinner, clinic and materials. For more information call Diane Bergeron, ext 2314.

George Brown Theatre presents *Pride and Prejudice*

November 5 - 15, 2003

Catch a dazzling production of Jane Austen's classic novel at the George Brown Theatre located at 530 King St. E. Adapted for the stage by Christina Calvit, directed by James Simon, set and costume design by April Viczko and lighting design by Lesley Wilkinson. Tickets are \$15 per person with pay-what-you-can Saturday matinees. Call 416-415-5000, ext. 2167 for tickets.

George Brown College Foundation

Crystal Apple Awards Ceremony

November 19 (6:30 p.m.)

George Brown College Foundation is pleased to present the third annual Crystal Apple Awards. For more information about this event contact Cathy Callaghan at ext. 2063.

New Intranet site is up and on-line

The Intranet has been revamped and relaunched for George Brown College staff to use from inside the College. Log onto <http://132.132.3.1> for important news and policies, exciting events and interesting photo opps.

With a new look and a better way to serve employees, all it needs is a new name. If you have a catchy name on the tip of your tongue, send your ideas to webmaster@gbrownc.on.ca or drop off your suggestions to Rosemarie Caleon in Communications and Marketing, rm. 542E at St. James Campus by November 30, 2003. The prize for the winning name is a delicious lunch for four at Siegfried's!

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